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1.0 INTRODUCTION

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One of the resulting actions recommended at the Energy Conference held at Williamsburg, VA., 12-13 January 1976 was a regional energy survey. The purpose of the survey is to develop the prospects, perspective, and status of energy supply, conditions and criteria, as well as to enhance the perspicacity of relevant energy decisions for the fixed installations.

The information obtained supplies background information and provides relationship answers as for example:

- What impact does the installation have on the locale, region?
- What impact or contribution could the installation make on the locale, region?
- What relation exists between the installation and regional energy supply, usage, and costs?
 - What changes in factors would contribute to increased economy?

1.2 Area of Study. The transport of a sylvesty day of the sylvesty day.

Each energy source crossing Ft. Belvoir's boundary has been studied. The major areas examined included consumption, supply and cost. From this information opportunities have been identified that offer tangible return on investment. General remarks appear below followed by a more in depth review. Backup data may be found in the Appendix.

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- Oil is source and refinery dominated but transportation unlimited. Ft. Belvoir and Northern Virginia obtain oil by rail, truck, or tanks depending on convenience and location of refinery.
 - Oil is used for general heating and process loads at Ft. Belvoir's major plants, laundry, hospital, etc. If Ft. Belvoir adds buildings, the heating supply will undoubtably be oil since the addition of natural gas loads appears doubtful.
 - Oil prices will probably be established by and conform to OPEC policy. Crude oil at present is imported at about \$11.50/BBL. Refinery oil sells from \$15 to \$17/BBL. This figures out to around an average of \$2.25/10⁶ BTU's but depends on grade.

1.2.2 Natural Gas.

The natural gas for the Northern Virginia area is pipeline limited with controls on quantity and cost. Price controls are most important to Ft. Belvoir consumption. Affecting controls is political climate and policies. The direct supplier, Washington Gas Light Company, will add no new customers as a result of curtailments imposed. The curtailment of natural gas for the winter of '75-'76 for Virginia was 14% of the requirements. The winter was mild so a critical situation was not encountered. If a hard winter occurs, curtailments will be imposed. When deregulation occurs (free market), the price could double.

Residences, Hospital and Clubs, are primarily the consumers on Ft. Belvoir. It is doubtful that curtailments would seriously affect either other than inconvenience.

Natural gas costs for Ft. Belvoir are around \$1.88/106 BTU. These costs are artifically low compared to oil costs because of regulation of interstate gas.

1.2.3 Electrical.

Electricity is price dominated but in adequately supply. All of Ft. Belvoir electricity is purchased from VEPCO. Electricity is used for virtually every process on Ft. Belvoir. The greatest load occurs during summer months and is due to compressive air conditioning.

Electric rates should continue to rise, to cover escalating fuel cost and to finance new construction. Currently Ft. Belvoir is paying 18.8 mills/Kwh.

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Coal only indirectly influences Ft. Belvoir through electric rate and fuel oil bills. No plans exist to use coal now or in the future on Ft. Belvoir. Coal's role as an electrical generating source is diminishing, in Northern Virginia.

1.3 Fort Belvoir Statistics for FY75.

8,419,000 ft² of facilities representing about 2900 buildings.
17,811 population; 86,775,000 Kwhrs used at 18.8 mills/Kwhrs gross;
422,642 MBTU's in 3.5 MBTU capacity boilers - Class 1, - 6 plants;
113,532 MBTU's in 3.5 MBTU capacity heating - Class 2, - 17 plants;
8,880 MBTU's gas fired; 180,275 MBTU's in .750 to 3.5 MBTU heating plants - Class 3, - 95 plants; 368,450 MBTU's in under .750 MBTU heating plant - Class 4, - 612 plants, 107,175 gas fired.

2.0 CONCLUSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Conclusions.

There is no overall energy plan for the Virginia or energy supplier region for Ft. Belvoir.

Each utility, supplier, or service performs their own planning or for gas and oil, reacts to supply fluctuations.

Ft. Belvoir consumes 0.16% of the total energy, excluding transportation, used in Virginia including oil, gas, coal and electricity.

Ft. Belvoir's - oil bill, has increased 134% since 1972.
- gas bill, has increased 42% since 1972.
(consumption decreased)

- electricity bill, has increased 125% since 1973. See

Figure 2.1.

Sewage and water could be the critical utilities in the Ft. Belvoir region (Northern Virginia) for the future both near and long term.

2.1.1 Electricty

Adequate supply through 1980.
Cost will increase.
Ft. Belvoir air conditioning load has doubled in 3 years.
Chance of ratchet clause being added to rate schedule.

2.1.2 Gas

If deregulation occurs, price could double or triple.

If a cold winter occurs, restrictions could be imposed on non-residential use.

Long term supply uncertain, 1985 on.
No new additions by suppliers until deregulation increases pipeline supply.

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Price and inflation increases expected for both short and long term future.

Heating fuel restriction in long term future with allocation of petroleum to transportation.

Boiler plants not utilized at Ft. Belvoir to capacity during summer months.

Heating load at Ft. Belvoir has remained constant for last five years.

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2.2 Recommendations.

The utilization of the boiler plants at Ft. Belvoir for either absorptive air conditioning or steam for turbine generators to reduce the electrical summer peak should be evaluated.

Interconnecting the boiler plants at Ft. Belvoir should be evaluated to benefit from increased efficiency, operational advantages and backup capabilities.

The economics and feasibility should be evaluated of constructing and operating a central coal and refuse fired energy plant to heat and air condition Ft. Belvoir. The present plants are planned to be retrofitted over the next five years. A central plant study performed in the near future could evaluate the costs and benefits.

An evaluation should be performed on the long range prospects for sewage treatment and water supply for Ft. Belvoir. Moratoriums on building created by sewage treatment limitations could create problems for Ft. Belvoir's capacity and growth. Future water treatment costs for public supply could create problems or limit supply.

3.0 FUEL OIL

3.1 Consumption.

The consumption of fuel oil at Ft. Belvoir makes up a major portion of the energy used in terms of dollars. The cost for fuel oil consumed was about two (2) times as much as electricity and ten (10) times as much as natural and propane gas. (Tables 3-1 & 3-2). Therefore fuel oil conservation measures would probably result in the most cost savings, in addition to any possible electricity and gas savings due to conservation measures.

3.2 Steam Production.

Fuel oil is used for general heating and process loads at Ft. Belvoir and the energy from the fuel oil is produced in four different size plants. (Table 3-3). High pressure boiler plants with a capacity of over 3.5 \times 10^6 BTU/hr, of which there are four, produce steam at a central point and distribute it to the surrounding area for use in space and water heating, laundry, etc. These central boiler plants serve the MERADCOM area, Davidson Airfield, Mechanical and Training Areas, and DeWitt Hospital. The rest of the heating and process loads are supplied by central low pressure heating plants of over 3.5 \times 10^6 BTU capacity. These low pressure heating plants usually only supply hot water for space and water heating, but sometimes they can provide for other needs.

3.3 Fuel.

The largest part of Ft. Belvoir's boilers and heating plants use No. 2 and No. 6 fuel oil, or about two-fifths of the total for each, and No. 5 fuel oil making up the remaining one-fifth of the total consumption. No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oil are used primarily in the high pressure boiler plants, with No. 5 and No. 2 used primarily in the low pressure heating plants.

Small individual buildings use No. 2 fuel oil almost exclusively with some using No. 5 fuel oil. Typical consumption of a large office building at Ft. Belvoir is .5 gals fuel oil per sq ft of floor space, with some buildings running as high as 1.2 gals per sq ft of floor space.

3.4 <u>Usage</u>.

The total yearly consumption of fuel oil at Ft. Belvoir was reduced considerably after the 1972 oil embargo, but it has been climbing back up to pre 1972 levels since then. (Figure 3.1). This is probably due to either colder winters, additional buildings, and/or a general relaxation of previous conservation measures at Ft. Belvoir. Ft. Belvoir's yearly consumption of fuel oil represents only .3% of the total fuel oil consumed in Virginia, and only .16% of the total energy consumed in Virginia, but we should continue to renew and maintain existing conservation measures, and in addition, find new ways to cut down on our fuel bill.

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F.T. BELVOIR ENERGY BILL	ELEC. TOTAL	MONEY LAFES	1973 \$1.01M \$.13M \$.83M \$1.97M	1974 \$2.14M \$.14M \$1.11M \$3.39M	1975 \$3.14M \$.17M \$1.25M \$4.56M
F.T. BELVOIR	OIL 6AS	1972 \$ 1.34M \$.12M	\$1.01M \$.131	\$2.14M \$.141	\$3.14M \$.17N
	YEAR, OIL	1972	1973	1974	1975

BOILER AND HEATING PLANTS

CLASS 1 + (\$5 14 W \$ 14 W \$1 11 W \$331 W

HIGH PRESSURE BOILER PLANT OVER 3.5 X 106 BTU/HR 3 USE NO.6 & NO.5 OIL # 332,1152,1332 3 USE NO.5 OIL ONLY # 1422,2117,2457 70,439 MBTU'S PLANT AVERAGE

CLASS 2

LOW PRESSURE HEATING PLANT OVER 3.5 X 10 BTU/HR 10 USE NO.5 OIL ONLY 3 USE NO.5 & NO.2 OIL 4 USE NO.2 OIL ONLY

6,678 MBTU'S PLANT AVERAGE

CLASS 3

LOW PRESSURE HEATING PLANT OVER .75 TO 3.5 MBTU'S PLANTS USE EITHER NO.5 OR NO.2 OIL

CLASS 4

LOW PRESSURE HEATING PLANT UNDER .75 MBTU/HR PLANTS USE NO.2 OIL ONLY

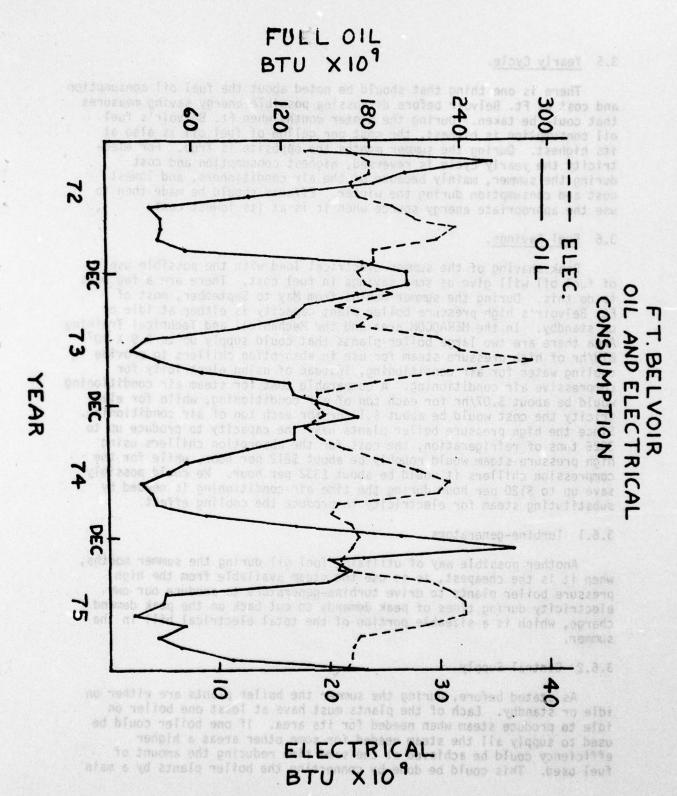


FIGURE 3.1

3.5 Yearly Cycle.

There is one thing that should be noted about the fuel oil consumption and cost at Ft. Belvoir before discussing possible energy saving measures that could be taken. During the winter months when Ft. Belvoir's fuel oil consumption is highest, the cost per gallon of fuel oil is also at its highest. During the summer months the opposite is true. For electricity the yearly cycle is reversed, highest consumption and cost during the summer, mainly because of the air conditioners, and lowest cost and consumption during the winter. Efforts should be made then to use the appropriate energy source when it is at its lowest cost.

3.6 Fuel Savings.

Peak shaving of the summer electrical load with the possible use of fuel oil will give us some savings in fuel cost. There are a few ways to do this. During the summer months from May to September, most of Ft. Belvoir's high pressure boiler plant capacity is either at idle or on standby. In the MERADCOM area and the Mechanical and Technical Training Area there are two large boiler plants that could supply up to 6.9 X 107 BTU/hr of high pressure steam for use in absorption chillers to provide cooling water for air conditioning, instead of using electricity for compressive air conditioning. A comparable cost for steam air conditioning would be about \$.07/hr for each ton of air conditioning, while for electricity the cost would be about \$.11/hr for each ton of air conditioning. Since the high pressure boiler plants have the capacity to produce up to 3026 tons of refrigeration, the cost for the absorption chillers using high pressure steam would roughly be about \$212 per hour, while for the compression chillers it would be about \$332 per hour. We could possibly save up to \$120 per hour during the time air conditioning is needed by substituting steam for electricity to produce the cooling effect.

3.6.1 Turbine-generators.

Another possible way of utilizing fuel oil during the summer months, when it is the cheapest, is to use the steam available from the high pressure boiler plants to drive turbine-generators to produce our own electricity during times of peak demands to cut back on the peak demand charge, which is a sizeable portion of the total electrical bill in the summer.

3.6.2 Central Supply.

As stated before, during the summer the boiler plants are either on idle or standby. Each of the plants must have at least one boiler on idle to produce steam when needed for its area. If one boiler could be used to supply all the steam needed for some other areas a higher efficiency could be achieved at the same time reducing the amount of fuel used. This could be done by connecting the boiler plants by a main

steam line, or by building a new central boiler plants near a main line. Boiler plants No. 332 and No. 1422 serving the MERADCOM area, and the Mechanical and Traing area, respectively, are good candidates for this scheme. Both are large plants, usually with one boiler on idle, and they are only separated by a couple of miles. Since the steam and condensate lines are presently undergoing renovation, the additon of a main line into the two systems might not pose too much of a problem. A complete life cycle cost analysis would have to be performed to see if the cost of installing a main steam line is amortized in the fuel cost savings.

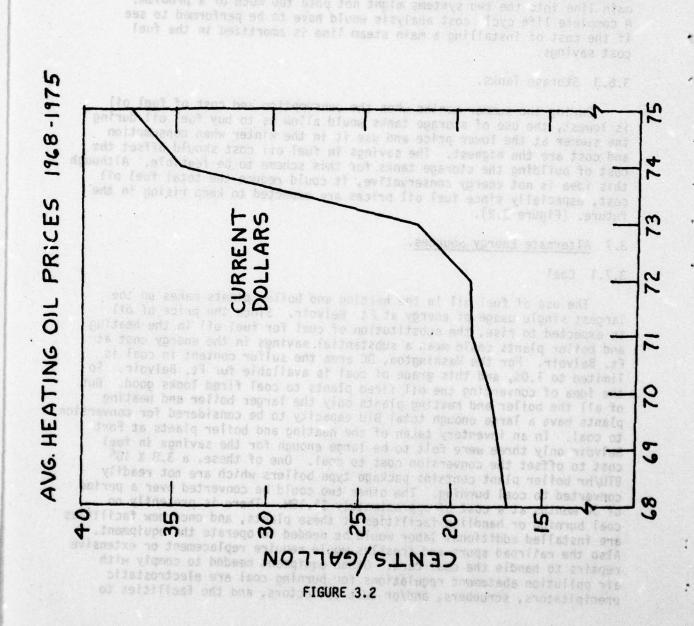
3.6.3 Storage Tanks.

During the summer months when the consumption and cost of fuel oil is lowest, the use of storage tanks would allow us to buy fuel oil during the summer at the lower price and use it in the winter when consumption and cost are the highest. The savings in fuel oil cost should offset the cost of building the storage tanks for this scheme to be feasible. Although this idea is not energy conservative, it could reduce the total fuel oil cost, especially since fuel oil prices are expected to keep rising in the future. (Figure 3.2).

3.7 Alternate Energy Sources.

3.7.1 Coal

The use of fuel oil in the heating and boiler plants makes up the largest single usage of energy at Ft. Belvoir. Since the price of oil is expected to rise, the substitution of coal for fuel oil in the heating and boiler plants could mean a substantial savings in the energy cost at Ft. Belvoir. For the Washington, DC area the sulfur content in coal is limited to 1.0%, and this grade of coal is available for Ft. Belvoir. So the idea of converting the oil fired plants to coal fired looks good. But of all the boiler and heating plants only the larger boiler and heating plants have a large enough total BTU capacity to be considered for conversion to coal. In an inventory taken of the heating and boiler plants at Fort Belvoir only three were felt to be large enough for the savings in fuel cost to offset the conversion cost to coal. One of these, a 3.8 x 106 BTU/hr boiler plant contains package type boilers which are not readily converted to coal burning. The other two could be converted over a period of 30 months at a cost of approximately \$1.18M. There is presently no coal burning or handling facilities at these plants, and once new facilities are installed additional labor would be needed to operate the equipment. Also the railroad spurs and trestles would require replacement or extensive repairs to handle the coal cars. Other equipment needed to comply with air pollution abatement regulations for burning coal are electrostatic precipitators, scrubbers, and/or dust collectors, and the facilities to



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handle the waste from the pollution control equipment. Again, a complete analysis would be required to determine the life cycle cost effectiveness of converting the boiler plants to coal. Since most of the plants are slated for major renovations in the near future, this analysis should be done soon to determine if changing the plants over to coal, or building a new central coal fired plant and tying into the existing system would be better than renovating the oil fired plants.

3.7.1 Refuse Burning.

If the boilers were considered for conversion to coal, or if new coal fired boilers are being considered for installation, the possibility of burning refuse and other waste materials in the boilers should be looked into before selecting any coal handling equipment or new coal fired boilers. For example, at present there are many wooden structures on Ft. Belvoir that are due for demolition, and the scrap wood could be used to fire the boilers, in addition to the burnable refuse. Although it would be a small amount of the total energy consumed at Ft. Belvoir, every little bit saved is beginning to count.

3.8 Summary.

Renewed efforts to implement new and strengthen existing energy conservation measures at Ft. Belvoir could help to bring this installation's energy bill down. The ideas setforth previously are not to be considered as the best way or only way to conserve energy, but only to show that there are other possibilities for saving money by reducing energy consumption at Ft. Belvoir. Even though Ft. Belvoir's energy usage has a minimal impact on the surrounding Northern Virginia area, any energy saving measures taken will be of value to the Ft. Belvoir installation, and the Army.

4.0 NATURAL GAS

4.1 Consumption.

Natural gas provides nearly one-third of the nation's primary energy and takes care of one-half of our nation's industrial energy requirements. The natural gas industry sells more than three times as much energy, in BTU's, as the electric industry. But here at Ft. Belvoir, the consumption of natural and LP-gas is only 8 percent of the total energy in terms of fuel oil, electricity, and natural gas, and 6 percent of Ft. Belvoir's total energy bill. Fuel oil takes up 62 percent, and electricity the remaining 32 percent of the cost. (Figure 2.1, Tables 3-1, 3-2 & 4-1).

4.2 Supplier.

The natural gas for the Northern Virginia area is supplied by the Washington Gas Light Company (WGL Co.) and is pipeline limited with controls on quantity and cost. The WGL Co. in turn receives its gas from the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation. (Table 4-2 & Figure 4.1). The curtailment of natural gas during the winter of '75-'76 for Virginia was 14 percent of the requirements, (Table 4-3) and as a result the company cannot add any new customers. Since the company is unable to accept any new customers, there is no additional growth to help offset the effects of inflation on the company's earnings. Earnings were well below the levels authorized by the regulatory commissions, especially in the District of Columbia, and were continuing to decline, while the cost of the gas purchased from both Columbia and Transcontinental were continuing to increase. (Figure 4.2). Consequently the company has filed for higher rates in the District of Columbia, and rate increases are also planned for Maryland and Virginia sometime in late 1976. Also, if deregulation occurs (free market), the price of natural gas could double. These are some factors that could raise Fort Belvoir's gas bill, but should not have any immediate effects on our present supply of natural gas from the WGL Company.

4.3 Rate Structure.

Natural gas service for Fort Belvoir by the WGL Company is supplied under two different rate schedules. General service Schedule "A", (Table 4-4) is available for any purpose and cannot be interrupted at any time.

TABLE 4-1

NATURAL GAS 1975

31.5 X10 MBTU'S 90.4 X 103 MBTU'S % 62. BELVOIR'S % OF VA. FT. BELVOIR VIRGINIA

\$170,000/YR \$1.88/MBTU BELVOIR TOTAL COST

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WASHINGTON GAS

SUPPLIERS

COLUMBIA TRANSCONT.

83%

TOTAL 1975

CONSUMERS

MARYLAND 44%
VIRGINIA 30%
DIST. of COLM. 25%
W.VIRGINIA 1%

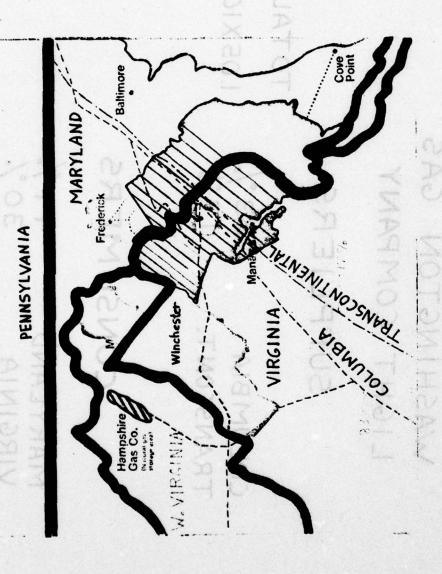


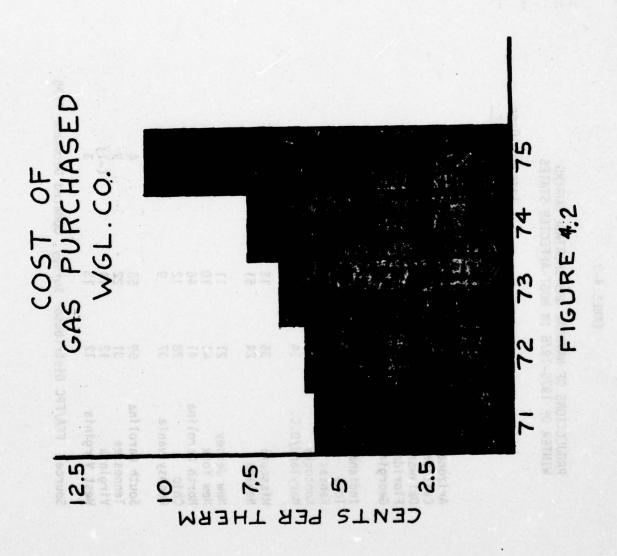
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TABLE 4-3

PROJECTIONS OF NATURAL GAS SHORTAGE DURING WINTER OF 1975-1976 IN MOST-AFFECTED STATES

	Total	1 Curtailments	Increase Over Last Winter
	BC	Percent of Requirements	BC
Arizona	25	**	~;
California	3,0	* :	9 °
Florida	- 02	2 4	- 2
Georgia	83	82	! =
Indiana	11	9	S
Iowa	36	8 2	4
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West Virginia	12	13	က

Source: FEA/FPC Distributor Survey, updated December 1975



4.3.1 Schedule "A".

TABLE 4-4

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

SCHEDULE "A"

GENERAL SERVICE RATE

Effective July 1, 1964

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available for gas service for any purpose.

RATE	THERMS PER MONTH	<u>NET</u>	GROSS
First	5 or less	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.60
Next	10	16.0¢ per Th.	17.5¢ per Th.
Next	15	14.6¢ per Th.	15.6¢ per Th.
Next	570	13.0¢ per Th.	13.5¢ per Th.
Next	5,400	10.6¢ per Th.	10.7¢ per Th.
Next	94,000	9.5¢ per Th.	9.5¢ per Th.
Next	100,000	9.0¢ per Th.	9.0¢ per Th.
0ver	200,000	8.5¢ per Th.	8.5¢ per Th.

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT

The charges specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases or decreases in the supplier's rate for purchased gas, in accordance with Section 16 of the General Service Provisions.

The main users of Schedule "A" on this installation are family housing, the hospital, the NCO Club, and some MERADCOM laboratories, and they constitute 95 percent of the natural gas used at Fort Belvoir. This gas is used mainly for space and water heating, and cooking in the family housing. Large volume interruptible Schedule "I", (Table 4-5) is available for interruptible gas service to any customer with the restriction that the gas can be shut off at any time with prior notice.

Propone or liquified gas constitutes about 14 percent of the total gas requirements at Ft, Belvoir, (Table 3-1 & 3-2). The propone gas is brought in by trucks and stored in tacks at various locations around

4.3.2 Schedule "I".

TABLE 4-5

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

SCHEDULE "I"

INTERRUPTIBLE RATE - LARGE VOLUME

initially effective June 1, 1962;

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT revised

effective April 1, 1971 (Maryland & Virginia)

April 7, 1971 (District of Columbia)

AVAILABILITY

This rate schedule is available for interruptible gas service to any customer when:

- (a) The capacity of the Company's facilities and the available gas supply are sufficient to provide the quantities requested by the customer; and
- (b) The customer executes a Sales Agreement for a period of not less than 1 year.

RATE

Per Therm $\frac{\text{Net}}{5.5}$ Gross $\frac{6 \text{ross}}{5.775}$

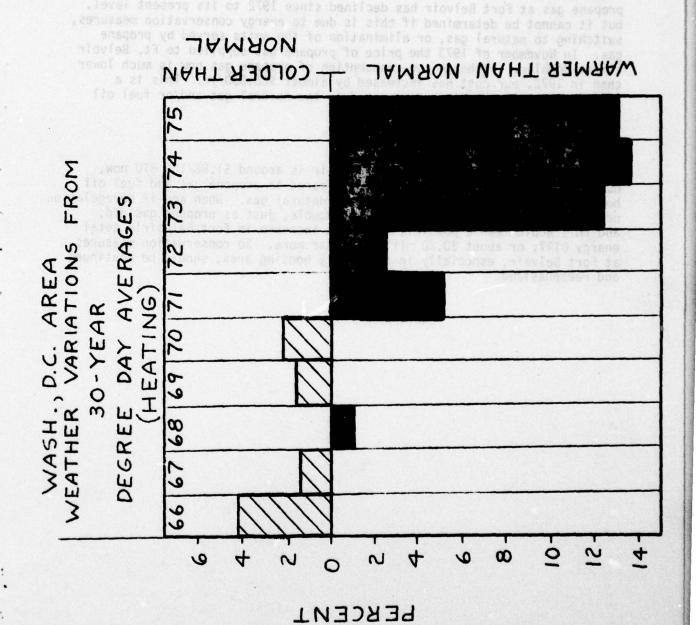
At Ft. Belvoir the two consolidated mess halls are the only buildings on Schedule "I" and they make up 1.6% of the total natural gas usage. In the past the gas to the mess halls has been interrupted for a week to ten days at a time, and presently the WGL Company expects to be able to serve most of the requirements of its firm customers under normal weather conditions. For the fifth consecutive year, weather during the heating months has been warmer than the Weather Bureau's historical norm, but if a hard winter occurs, further curtailments could be imposed which means that gas to the mess halls could be interrupted for longer than two weeks. (Figure 4.3). The mess halls can change over to fuel oil on short notice, so an interruption in the gas supply would not be much of an inconvenience.

4.4 Propane.

Propane or liquified gas constitutes about 14 percent of the total gas requirements at Ft. Belvoir. (Table 3-1 & 3-2). The propane gas is brought in by trucks and stored in tanks at various locations around Fort Belvoir, usually next to the units they serve, but sometimes central

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FIGURE 4.3



storage tanks may serve several units. The majority of the propane gas is used for cooking in the enlisted men's mess and the rest is used for cooking, heating and other needs wherever needed and where natural gas lines do not exist to service the buildings. The total consumption of propane gas at Fort Belvoir has declined since 1972 to its present level, but it cannot be determined if this is due to energy conservation measures, switching to natural gas, or elimination of the units served by propane gas. In November of 1973 the price of propane gas supplied to Ft. Belvoir almost doubled. Although our consumption of propane gas now is much lower than in 1972, our cost has increased by almost \$26,000/yr. This is a relatively small amount when compared to the natural gas and/or fuel oil cost increases.

4.5 Projected Cost.

The natural gas cost for Fort Belvoir is around \$1.88/10⁶ BTU now, but these costs are artificially low compared to propane gas and fuel oil because of the regulation of interstate natural gas. When and if deregulation occurs, the price of natural gas could double, just as propane gas did, and this would mean a possible 5 percent increase in Fort Belvoir's total energy bill, or about \$0.28 million a year more. So conservation measures at Fort Belvoir, especially in the family housing area, should be continued and reemphasized.

5.0 ELECTRICAL

5.1 Historical Summary.

5.1.1 Supplier.

Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) supplies the military installation of Fort Belvoir with all electric power requirements. Fort Belvoir is primarily military schools, offices and residences, thus its consumption curves is the superposition of the three.

5.1.2 Consumption.

Fort Belvoir electrical consumption was on a downward trend from 1972 until 1974 when it once again began to increase (Figure 5.1). The gain was 10% over the previous year and 7% with respect to a 1971 base, the following table gives supporting data.

TABLE 5-1
FORT BELVOIR HISTORICAL CONSUMPTION

YEAR	CONSUMPTION X 106 KWH	CHANGE OVER BASE %	CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR %
1971 1972	83.74 89.51	Base 7	# 8 , 3 3
1973	92.04	10	3 0
1974	80.85	-3	9 -10
1975	89.25	7	10

The downward trend, commencing in 1972 may be a result of the Arab oil embargo, voluntary energy conservation measures, a moderation of weather conditions, or perhaps a combination of all three. A period of particular interest falls between November of 73 and May of 74. It represents the lowest valley on the consumption curve for the years surveyed, and probably accounts for the savings achieved in 73 and 74. Assuming resistive heating for space and water accounts for the minor winter peaks, one may speculate, the winter of 73-74 was rather mild since the consumption curve is nearly flat compared to other winter curves. This period also coincides with the Arab oil embargo and the government mandatory energy alocation policy. If a correlation can be drawn between the above observations one may conclude that great energy savings are available from a directed conservation program.

5.1.3 Demands.

The highest demand peaks were realized during the months of August and September, and can be found below with accompanying information.

FIGURE 5.1

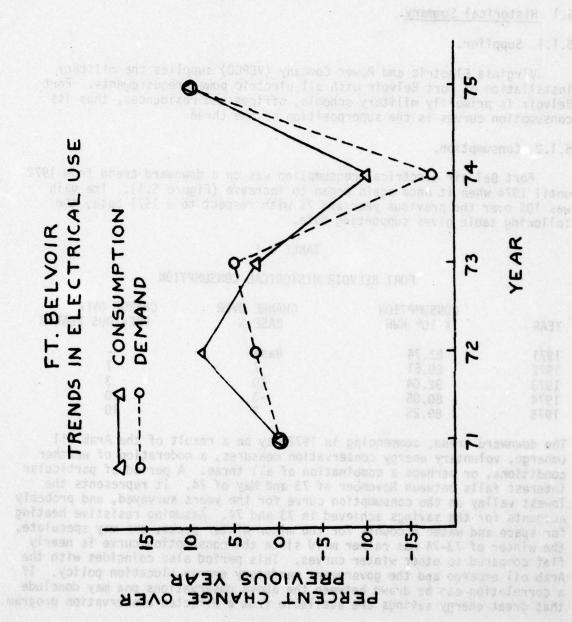


TABLE 5-2
FORT BELVOIR HISTORICAL DEMAND

YEAR	MONTH	PEAK (KW)	% INCREASE	% INCREASE 2.
71	August	21480	1.00	/-
72	August	21960	1.02	1.02
73	September	23160	1.08	1.05
74	September	19180	.89	.83
75	September	21158	.99	1.10

The variability of the demand peaks during the summer months indicates the high functionality of demand with respect to weather during this period. On the other hand the extremely minor peak during winter months imply the minimual effect of weather on demand. Coupling these two, one may conclude compressive air conditioning is primarily responsible for the sharp demand peaks during the cooling season on Fort Belvoir. This assumes that non-climate control use of electricity on Fort Belvoir is constant with respect to weather.

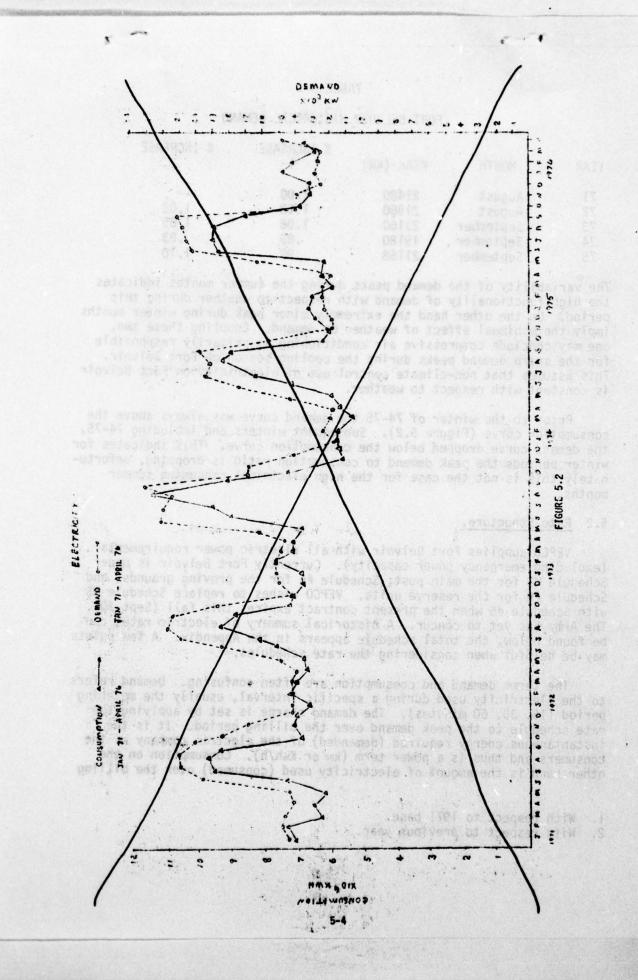
Prior to the winter of 74-75 the demand curve was always above the consumption curve (Figure 5.2). Subsequent winters and including 74-75, the demand curve dropped below the consumption curve. This indicates for winter periods the peak demand to consumption ratio is dropping, unfortunately this is not the case for the high electrical consuming summer months.

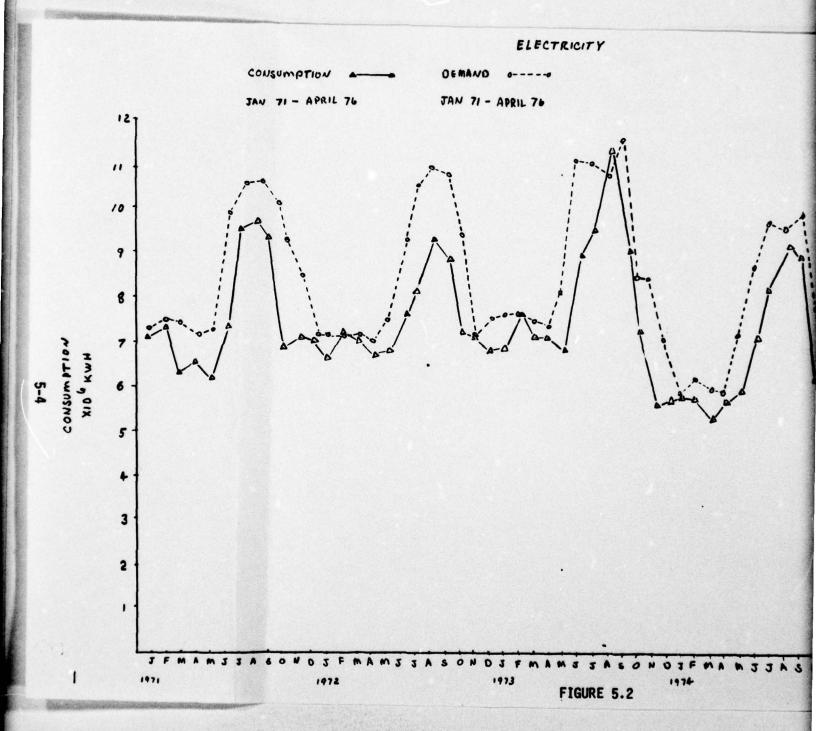
5.2 Rate Structure.

VEPCO supplies Fort Belvoir with all electric power requirements (excluding emergency power capacity). Currently Fort Belvoir is under Schedule MS for the main post; Schedule #6 for the proving grounds, and Schedule #5 for the reserve units. VEPCO wishes to replace Schedule MS with Schedule #6 when the present contract expires this fall (Sept 30). The Army has yet to concur. A historical summary of electric rates can be found below, the total schedule appears in the Appendix. A few points may be helpful when considering the rate schedules.

The terms demand and consumption are often confusing. Demand refers to the electricity used during a specific interval, usually the metering period (15, 30, 60 minutes). The demand charge is set by applying the rate schedule to the peak demand over the billing period. It is the instantaneous energy required (demanded) of the electric company by the consumers and thus is a power term (kw or Kwh/h). Consumption on the other hand is the amount of electricity used (consumed) over the billing

- 1. With respect to 1971 base.
- 2. With respect to previous year.

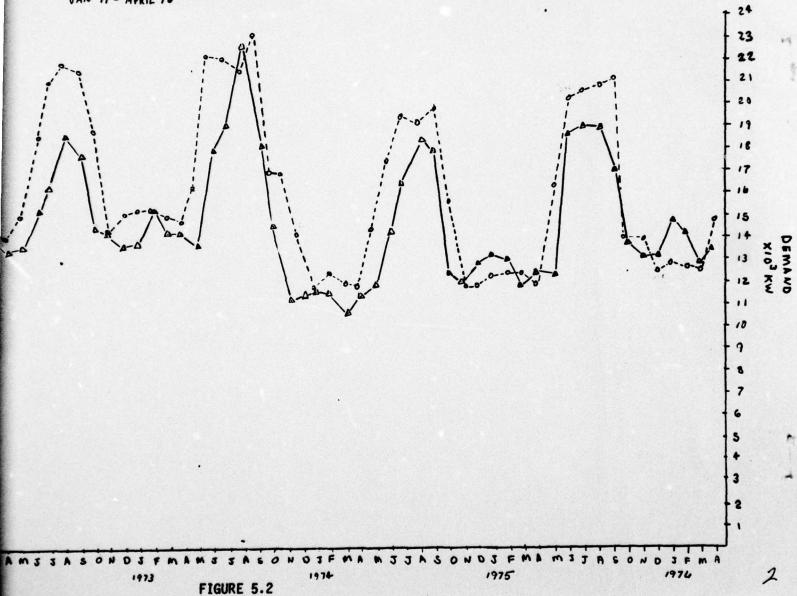






DEMAND 0----

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period and thus is an energy term (Kwh). A ratchet is a clause in a contract which allows the utility to set the demand charge for future billing periods (usually 11) by a previously registered peak, thus the highest peak sets the demand charge for the next eleven months. Utilities finance expansion through demand payments. Only Schedule MS is ratchet free.

TABLE 5-3
HISTORICAL RATE STRUCTURE

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SCHEDULE MS

	ADOPTED 2-1-68 EXPIRED 10-2-74	10-1-74 9-30-75	(dud()) +moloze (
1st 1500 KW(\$)	3,000.00	5,055.50	53.2
Excess of 1500K	2.00	3.06 v	Int hat yester but
1st 250,000 Kwhr	.42	.64	ens modulis "et-
2nd 250,000 Kwhr	.40	.61	lo jenojen namon Por esch over 30
Excess of 500,000 Kwh	r .38	Laboured vo. 58-	sT bos assate.

Comments: No ratchet clause. Fuel adjustment clause effective 10-1-74.

SCHEDUL	E NO. 6	1 485012:	d ofatosia a	
7-1-72 7-1-74	7-1-74 10-2-75	%	10-2-75 10-2-76	%
216.00	219.30	01.4 ₁₉	326.55	48.9
2.70	2.67	-1,1	4.31	61.4
2.37	2.34	-1.3	3.98	70.1
2.28	2.25	-1.3	3.89	72.9
1.041	1.041	pro 0 osa l	2.005	92.6
.739	.739	ana 0 ba	1.635	121.2
.539	.539	0	1.391	134.5
	7-1-72 7-1-74 216.00 2.70 2.37 2.28 1.041	7-1-74 10-2-75 216.00 219.30 2.70 2.67 2.37 2.34 2.28 2.25 1.041 1.041 .739 .739	7-1-72 7-1-74 10-2-75 % 216.00 219.30 1.4 2.70 2.67 -1.1 2.37 2.34 -1.3 2.28 2.25 -1.3 1.041 1.041 0 .739 .739 0	7-1-72

Comments: Eleven (11) month ratchet clause. Fuel adjustment clause.

TABLE 5-3 (cont'd)

SCHEDULE NO. 5 10-2-75 ADOPTED 7-1-72 7-1-74 % 10-2-76 EXPIRED 7-1-74 10-2-75 5.70 1st 210Kw(¢/Kwh) 5.490 3.8 7.98 40.0 4.64 4.5 6.72 44.5 Next 300Kwh(¢/Kwh) 4.439 3.52 8.7 5.32 51.1 3.239 Next 2490Kwh*(¢/Kwh) 2.70 -5.9 4.32 60.0 2.864 75.1 3.24 Next 1950Kwh*(¢/Kwh) 1.599 1.85 15.7

*First entry for July through October, second entry November through June, 10-2-75, 2500Kwh and 2000Kwh.

1.60

1.15

10.7

83.4

109.6

2.94

2.41

1.039

5.3 Business and Territory Served. 1

5.3.1 Service Area.

Additional Kwh

The electric business of the Company is conducted in most of Virginia and in parts of North Carolina and West Virginia. In its service area it sells electricity to retail customers (including governmental agencies) and at wholesale to rural electric cooperatives and municipalities.

Gas service is provided only in the Norfolk-Newport News area (except Portsmouth) and in the area extending from Newport News to and including Williamsburg. Curtailments of service by the Company's suppliers have been approved by FPC. As a consequence, the Company has virtually eliminated new connections.

5.3.2 Plans and Policy.

The Company's proposal, made in response to an inquiry from rural electric cooperatives, to sell them an undivided interest in all present and currently planned generating facilities (other than existing hydro facilities and leased combustion turbines) amounting to between 5.54%

¹¹¹ month ratchet clause on demand; add 200 Kwh to each demand 10-30Kw; 100 for each over 30.

^{&#}x27;Supplied by VEPCO.

and 7.32% of generating capability, at a price in excess of original cost depreciated, has been rejected by the cooperatives and they have made a counter proposal to purchase an interest in selected facilities. Nothing definitive has yet evolved. The Company has also entered into discussions with its municipal wholesale customers which are interested in developing their own generating facilities. They have made a proposal to purchase the Company's principal existing hydro facilities, and the Company has indicated that this does not seem to be desirable; however, the Company is to hear the municipals' reasons and justifications for the offer. One cooperative is pursuing discussions with other wholesale customers of the Company as to participation by them in a proposed pumped storage facility on the Staunton River with associated steam generation, and an application for a preliminary permit has been filed by the cooperative with the FPC. Whether the proposal would be financially and otherwise feasible is not known by the Company. Legislation has been enacted in North Carolina and proposed in Virginia that would permit certain local governmental entities to join together to finance, construct and operate generating and transmission facilities. A list of VEPCO's generating units is located in the Appendix.

5.3.3 Sources of Energy Used.

Kilowatt-hour output, by energy source is shown below:

TABLE 5-4

" " 0.05 % AT	Actua]	Estimated
Source	1974 Per Cent	1975 Per Cent	1976 Per Cent
Nuclear	18%	26%	29%*
Fossil 40 Dalled .AVEL madesias			two filmoys and
Coal Mt. Storm (mine-mouth). Other	19 551.5 g mag	19 1 avan 2.7 ng 1/1	29 17
011	47	43	22
Combustion turbines	2	t a risser poor tee, he filmen	SHOUTE AS
Hydro	2	s mest untertuit ter p k rtiens er	2
Purchased and Interchanged	7 100%	100%	100%

^{*}Full operation of North Anna Units 1 & 2 (planned for initial commercial operation in 1977) is expected to increase nuclear to 50%. (See Construction Program, Figure 5.5).

5.4 Consumption and Demand.

Between 1965 and 1973 VEPCO's annual sale's grew at a compounded growth rate of 9%. In 1974 sales fell by .3%. During the same period peaks grew at the same pace but continued into 1975. A summary since 1965 can be found below.

TABLE 5-5
HISTORICAL SUMMARY VEPCO

YEAR	PEAK KW	CAPACITY*	ACTUAL** RESERVE At time of Peak		Sales	
1965	2900	3290	13.4%	13.3	Billion	kWh
1966	3320	4092	23.2%	15.0		
1967	3499	3962	13.2%	16.9		H
1968	4253	4331	1.8%	19.0	H	11
1969	4639	4876	5.1%	21.0	11	
1970	4852	5323	9.7%	23.5	11	11
1971	5295	5932	12.0%	24.7	11	**
1972	6232	6762	8.5%	26.9	11	H
1973	6900	7585	9.9%	30.0	11	11
1974	6734	7714***	14.5%	29.9	n	. 11

^{*}Includes purchase.

***Yorktown Unit #3 (818 MW) added in December 1974, bring capacity to 8532.

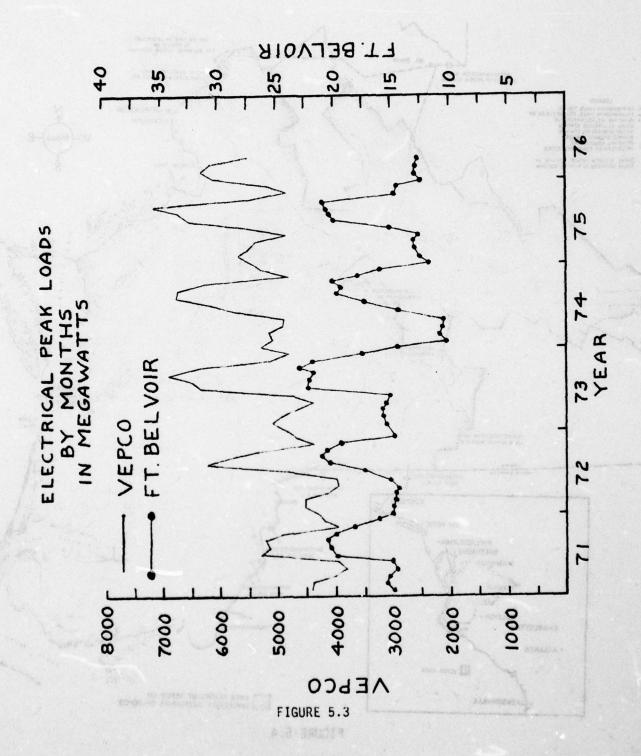
Monthly peaks have been plotted in Figure 5.3. One may speculate the increase in peak demand will greatly exceed past growth rates since the minor winter peaks was substantual. If consumption fails to grow or grows at a slower pace, electrical rates will undoubtful rise according i.e., to finance peakers and to pay for idle capacity. This scenario is most unfortunate for facilities with limited monetary resources since greater portions of an already strained budget must go to maintaining present utility services. Such a situation stymies any hope for relief through conservation by ironically demanding funds that could otherwise ameliorate the devasting effects of time on facilities.

5.5 Generation and Distribution.

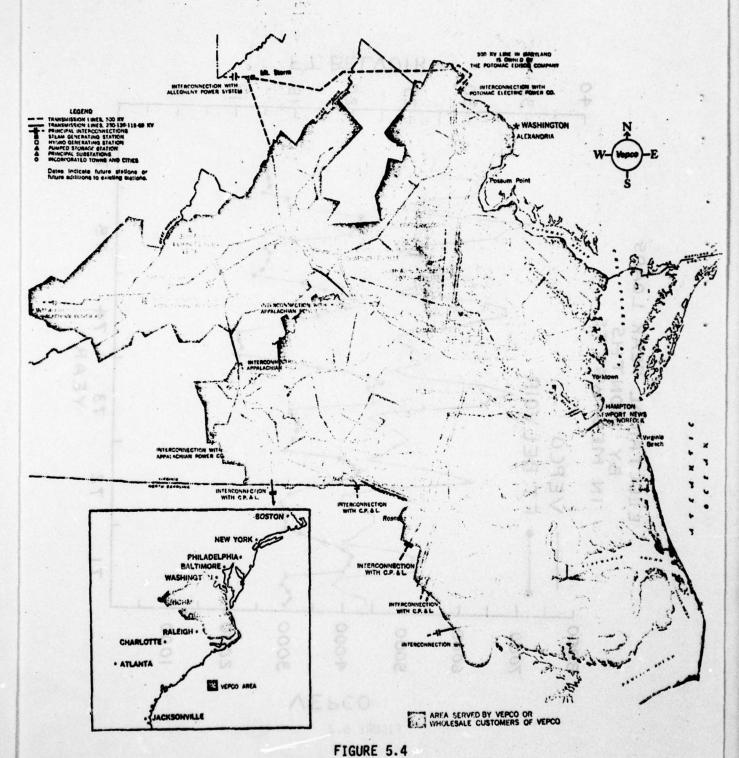
Figure 5.4 shows VEPCO's distribution system. Almost 71% (1977 productions) of its capacity is supplied by either nuclear plants or mine mouth operations; the remaining by coal, oil or hydro. Since

^{**}Desired Range of Peak is 15 to 18 per cent.

SYSTEM WAP VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

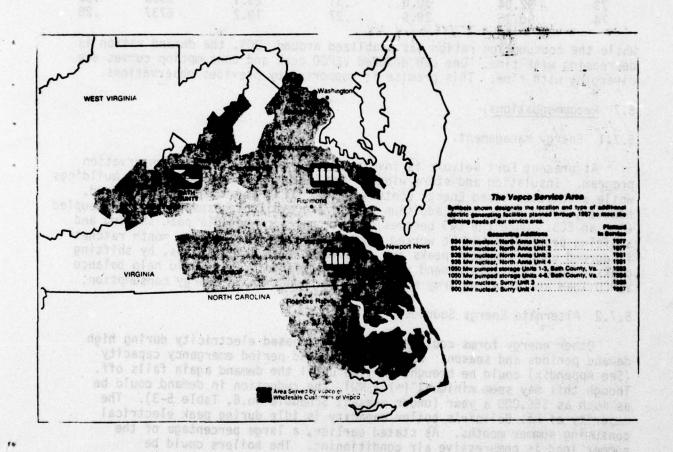


SYSTEM MAP VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY



most of the plants are fueled on site, a transportation strike would have a limited effect on VEPCO's generating capacity, thus reducing a possible bottleneck. Figure 5.5 displays VEPCO's future generating plants. The vast increase use of nuclear energy liberate VEPCO's the debilitating chains of an OPEC cartile.

FIGURE 5.5
FUTURE GENERATING PLANTS



5.6 Belvoir's Effect Upon VEPCO.

Fort Belvoir is only a small percent of VEPCO's total market as can be seen in Table 5-6.

TABLE 5-6

COMPARISON OF FORT BELVOIR AND VEPCO

CONS	SUMPTION	edil vprehe		DEM	AND	
	Belvoir Kwh X 10 ⁶	VEPCO Kwh X 109	% of VEPCO	Belvoir MW	VEPCO MW	%
71	83.74	24.7	.16	21.5	5295	.41
72	89.51	26.9	.33	22.0	6232	.35
73	92.04	30.0	.31	23.1	6900	.33
74	80.25	29.9	.27	19.2	6737	.28

While the consumption ration has stablized around .30%, the demand ration is decreasing with time. One can deduced VEPCO peak and consumption curves are diverging with time. This premise is supported by previous observations.

5.7 Recommendations.

5.7.1 Energy Management.

At present Fort Belvoir is involved in a rigorious energy conservation program. Insulation and storm windows are being installed on several buildings while a computer based Energy Control System (ECS) is on the drawing board. However, areas exist were addition saving are available especially when coupled with an ECS. Once the ECS becomes operational a compatible peak shaving and shifting program should be worked out, especially if an eleven month ratchet is agreed upon. Present peaks are coincident with VEPCO's thus, by shifting peaks a more favorable demand rate may be obtained. This would help balance VEPCO load and save the Army money with no reduction in energy consumption.

5.7.2 Alternate Energy Sources.

Other energy forms could supplement purchased electricity during high demand periods and season. During peak demand period emergency capacity (See Appendix) could be brought on line until the demand again falls off. Though this may seem minimual (~1.2 MW), the reduction in demand could be as much as \$56,000 a year (under present Schedule No.6, Table 5-3). The majority of Ft. Belvoir's boiler capacity is idle during peak electrical consuming summer months. As stated earlier, a large percentage of the summer load is compressive air conditioning. The boilers could be brought on line to power absorption units in the buildings served by the central plants. An economically optimum mix of compressive and absorption air conditioning could be employed thus reducing summer electrical peaks and avoid the exorbitant demand charge that accompany them.

Though Fort Belvoir is making strides in reducing its energy consumption the above ideas should be considered since a real possibility for saving exist, though one must proceed with caution, because in some cases the cost of implementing the program can never be recovered in saving achieved.

6.0 COAL

6.1 Overview.

Coal production has been on the decline since the turn of the century. In 1900 coal accounted for 90% of the U.S. energy needs, by 1972 it contributed only 17%. A combination of keenner competition from other sources and environmental concerns has been the major impetus behind this trend. Oil cut into coal's energy monolopy initially through the automobile boom then later becoming more popular with industry and utilities. Oil is much easier to handle and treat than coal thus in some areas of the country oil proved to be more economical. As the population became aroused over environmental questions the push was towards oil since it is cleaner burning. Nuclear power is replacing coal as the prime mover for large central power stations. Nuclear plants, though capital intensive, produce electricity much cheaper than equivalent coal plants do. Its unblemished safety record coupled with the above economic considerations, render utilities with a safe and reliable source of electricity, without a disastrous effects on the surroundings environmental quality.

Since the 1973 oil embargo coal is regaining capacity lost to oil. Where possible, oil fired plants have been converted to coal, and greater considerations is being given to coal in new projects. Unfortunately two constraints have stymied the substitution of coal for oil; one, the enormous capital cost for conversion of existing plants and two, the lead time involved in new construction plants. Coal is expected to see its greatest growth rate between 1985-1990, then return to a declining growth rate.

At today's consumption rate U.S. coal reserves are expected to last 300 years. In the East both high and low sulfur deposits exist while low sulfur coal is generally found in the West. Eastern utilities are usually out bid by industry for the low sulfur grades, thus they must find alternate sources. If high sulfur coal can be bought at prices low enough to justify a scrubber, this avenue is usually followed, otherwise low sulfur western coal and foreign oil are weighed along with the above alterative as to which is the most economically favorable.

6.2 VEPCO.

In 1975 VEPCO fired 1900 MW with coal, 88% being produced at the Mt. Storm mine mouth operation. Coal accounted for approximately 27% of VEPCO total output. In 1976 coals expected contributed is 47%. Continual base loading of the plants is partly responsible for this

increase. The 1977 predictions show coal declining by 17% (30% of the total). This is due to the big nuclear plants scheduled to come on line at North Anna, not a reduction in coal capacity. VEPCO's long range plans call for increase use of nuclear energy for base loading, and oil for intermediates and peakers with coal being slowly phased out.

6.3 Fort Belvoir.

Oil has replaced coal as a fuel on Fort Belvoir. Central boiler plants can be converted to coal, but at exorbitant cost. No new boiler plants are being planned in the near future. Thus the coal has no direct effect on Fort Belvoir, though it directly influences the electricity rates Fort Belvoir pays and has an indirectly influence on oil prices. The effect of a coal crisis would have minimual effect on Fort Belvoir.

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APPENDIX

VEPCO'S GENERATING PLANTS

BREMO			
Unit 3 Unit 4	71.7 MW 164.0 MW 235.7 MW -	1950 1958 Cost - \$37.7 Mil	Coal Coal S From
CHESTERFIELD			YORKTOWN
Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4 Unit 5 Unit 6	33 MW 658 MW	1964	unit 3 Unit 3
GASTON			
Units 1-4	225 MW	1963	\$43.7 Million-Hydro
MOUNT STORM			
Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3	553 MW 553 MW 560 MW 1,666 MW	1965 1966 1973	\$ 76.8 Million-Coal 49.7 Million 107.9 Million \$209.5 Million
PORTSMOUTH			
Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4	101 MW 101 MW 162 MW 233 MW 597 MW	1953 1954 1959 1962 Cost - \$75.5 Mi	0il 11ion
POSSUM POINT			
Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4	74.0 MW 69.2 MW 101.0 MW 232.9 MW 477.1 MW -	1948 1951 1955 1962 Cost - \$59.9 Mi	llion
ROANOKE RAPIDS			
Units 1-4	100 MW	1955	\$30.6 Million-Hydro

VEPCO'S GENERATING PLANTS (Cont'd)

	(Cont	'd)	
SURRY			
Unit 1	788 MW	1972	
Unit 2	788 MW 1,576 MW	1973	\$402 Million-Nuclear
YORKTOWN			
Unit 1	166 MW	1957	
Unit 2	170 MW	1958	
Unit 3	818 MW	1974	011

- Cost - \$214.2 Million

unit 4

NOTE: Cost figures from Page 432-FPC No. 1 1974.

1955 \$30.6 Million-Hydro

1,154 MW

FT. BELVOIR RANKS 24 th IN TOTAL ENERGY CONSUMED WITH RESPECT TO CONUS ARMY INSTALLATIONS

FT. BELVOIR STATISTICS FOR FY 75

8,419,000 SQ.FT. OF FACILITIES - ABOUT 2900 BUILDINGS 17,811 EFFECTIVE POPULATION

86,775,000 KWHRS USED AT 18.8 MILS/KWHR GROSS

422,642 MBTU'S IN 6 CLASS-1 BOILER PLANTS 113,532 MBTU'S IN 7 CLASS-2 HEATING PLANTS

8,800 MBTU'S GAS FIRED MBTU'S IN 95 CLASS-3 HEATING PLANTS MBTU'S IN 612 CLASS-4 HEATING PLANTS 180,275 368,450

107,175 MBTU'S GAS FIRED

2425 TONS OF AC -81 SYSTEMS 20 TO 100 TONS 2670 TONS OF AC - 18 SYSTEMS OVER 100 TONS

170 HP OF COLD STORAGE - 26 WALK IN SYSTEMS

1985 UTILITY COAL* CONSUMPTION BY CENSUS REGIONS** REFERENCE SCENARIO, \$13 OIL IMPORTS (Million Tons)

	1985	Increase	Compounded Annual Percent Growth Rate
2	15	+ 13	20.1
78	136	+ 63	8.7 5.2
133	194	+ 61	8 3.5
61	77	+ 16	2.1
3/	90	5 133	
5	42	+ 37	21.3
27		+ 19	5.0
3	10	+ /	5 11.6 3
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^{*} Excludes anthracite.

LONG-TERM CONTRACT DELIVERED COAL PRICES TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY SECTOR
1985 REFERENCE SCENARIO, \$13 OIL IMPORTS
(\$/Million Btu, 1975 Dollars)

Regions	1985 1985 Low Sulfur High Sulfur		Average Contract Price, August 1975	
Northeast	51.40	.90	1.21	
Middle Atlantic	1.25	.75	1.05	
South Atlantic	1.25	.80	1.01	
East North Central	1 -1.15	.65	80	
East South Central	1.15	.60	.77	
West North Central	4 (2) .95 (3)	0 0.65	.57	
West South Central	1.00	.70	.24	
Mountain	.55	.45	.32	
Pacific -	() 10	.80	O .59	
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^{*} Source: FPC Form 423.

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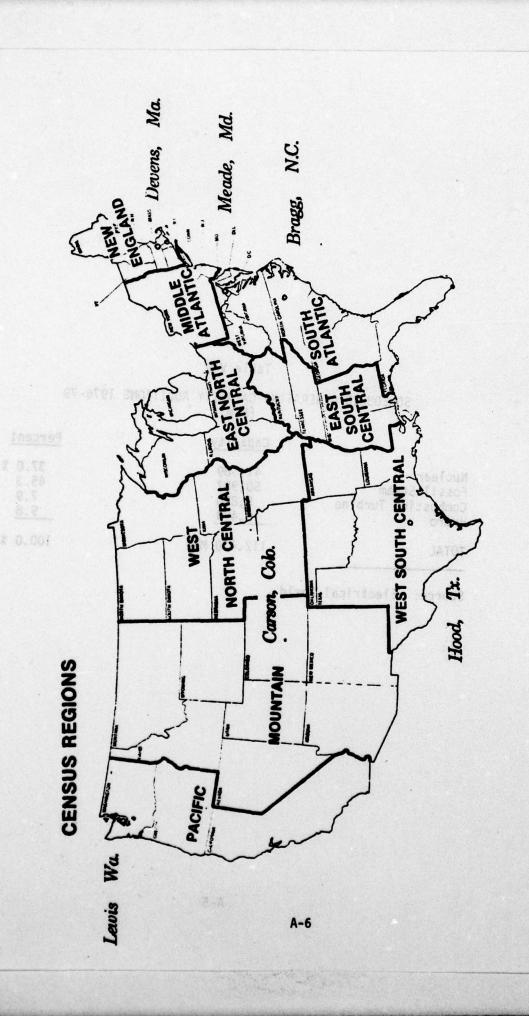
^{**} Figure IV-4 gives a map of the census regions.

Table V-9

SCHEDULED GENERATING CAPACITY ADDITIONS 1976-79 (MWe)

1 LE ST	Capacity	Percent
Nuclear Fossil Steam Combustion Turbine Hydro	41,589 50,987 8,880 10,474	37.0 % 45.3 7.9 9.8
TOTAL	112,430 MWe	100.0 %

Source: Electrical World



POINTS TO PONDER

FT. BELVOIR CONSUMES . 09 % TOTAL ENERGY IN VIRGINIA (OIL, GAS, ELECTRICITY)

ABSORPTION A.C., TURBINE -GENERATORS OIL - BOILER PLANTS NOT USED IN SUMMER

- HEATING LOAD SAME LAST FIVE YEARS

BILL HAS INCREASED BY 164% SINCE 1972

ELEC. - CHANCE OF RATCHET CLAUSE BEING ADDED TO RATE SCHEDULE

- A.C. LOÀD HAS DOUBLED IN 3 YEARS

- BILL HAS INCREASED BY 200% SINCE 1972

BILL HAS DECREASED BY 37% SINCE 1973 PRIMARILY FOR FAMILY HOUSING GAS

- IF DEREGULATION OCCURS, PRICE

COULD DOUBLE

Emergency Generators (Fort Belvoir)

Building	Name	Unit Size	Fuel
1157	Switching St.	2-60KW	Diesel
Antina	Davison Airfield	30KW	Diesel
1359	Davison Airfield	15KW	Gasoline
3015	Davison Airfield	75KW	Diesel
721	MP Station	75KW	Diesel
681	Sludge Plant	15KW	Diesel
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